

no one except Ms wife, who arrived on the 1st of November. "tie expired on the 10th of the same month.¹

At this juncture Bernadotte returned to Hamburg. I asked him how I was to account for his conduct while he was with I>avoust, who had left Nuremberg¹ to attack the Prussian army ; and whether it was true that he had refused to march with that general, and afterwards to aid him when he attacked blue Prussians on the Weimar road. "The letters I received/* observed I, "state that you took no part in the battle of A-nerstadt ; that I did not believe, but I suppose you saw the bulletin which I received a little after the battle, and which 3-fcated that Bonaparte said at Nuremberg, in the presence of several officers, 'Were I to bring him before a court-martial he would be shot. I shall say nothing to him about it, bxit I twill take care he shall know what I think of his behavior. He has too keen a sense of honor not to be aware that he icted disgracefully/' — "I think him very likely/" rejoined Bernadotte, "to have made these observations. Jle hates me. Because he knows I do not like him ; but let him speak to me bird he shall have his answer. If I am a G-ascon, he is a greater one. I might have felt piqued at receiving something-orders from Davoust, but I did my duty."²

* Charles William Ferdinand, Duke of T?runswick-Wolfeiiuttel SOf>)» who had commanded the allies in their advance into France in .iicl who died from wounds received at Auerstiult. Ho was the father of tho I>iike William Frederick, killed at Quatro-Br:us. For the mistimed but ctlier pathetic belief of tie old dying Duke in the courtesy with which ho ,ncl his States would be treated by the French, see *Bcut/not*, tome i. p. 307 : * X feel sure that there is a „courier of the XCJmporor's on the road to know tow I am

2 This is a mistake. Bernadotte did not #o to Hamburg-till much lator see *Erreurs* tome i. p. 9). The complaints of Bernadotto's conduct on the 4rtli of October, 1806, when he gave no assistance to Davoust in repulsing the nrtin body of the Prussians at Auerstadt, are well known. Tomini (tomo ii. >, 2590) says that Davoust proposed to itarimdotte to march with him, and v<>.Ti offered him the command of tho two corps. Bomadotte refused, and in/rched away to Dornburg, when*, he was of no use. ** I'll is obstinacy, Ificult to explain, nearly compromised both I>avouHt and the success of tho ixttle." See also Tbiers (tome vii. p. 1^12), wlio attributes I&oriadotto's con-ll<*t to a profound aversion for Davoust conceived on tho most frivolous rounds. Iu^riaclotte had ftequently given CSXUHO of r. (unpln.int to Napoloon n tlio two campaigns of 1805 and IHOf]. In tho movement on "Vienna Napo-301:1 considered he showed want of activity and. of 7.eal. Xnes© complaintH 3em to have been made in. good faith, for in a letter to Be rnaclotte's brot cr-i-1 OAV, Joseph, Napoleon suggests that health, may have been the cause (Z>u •Vz ,*?<?, tome i. p. 322). Bernadotte was equally unforttinato in putting in his ppearance too late at Eyla-u (aco *Muc de Jtovif/o's Memoirs*, tome ii. p. 48), nd also incurred the dis'pleasure of Napoleon at Wagram (see later on)-